Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and,

Whereas, All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and,

Whereas, More than 1,000,000 individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy that strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and,

Whereas, Research has recent yielded four new drugs to treat four types of Muscular Diseases Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, and Lou Gehrig's - ALS; and,

Whereas, Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for families affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and,

Whereas, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness month and Light it Up Green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 2017 as

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State